

Action Plan for State

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN FLORIDA WILL LIVE IN SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND PERMANENT HOMES BY 2010.

PRIORITY ONE:						
Strategy(-ies) Serve highest risk population- single parent households with children.	Action(s)	Manager ¹	Implementer ²	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
	Action 1.1.1 Create interagency group of state agencies (DCF, DOH, AWI, VA, FHFC) to: a. map assets and direct service programs b. identify gaps and redesign to fill gaps c. commit to share and shift resources across programs d. identify models of best practices for linking housing, services and jobs e. develop pilot project based on the model f. develop an evaluation tool for the pilot’s outcomes g. develop incentives for workforce system participation with this customer Expand work group by inviting additional agencies (Corrections, Community Affairs, Juvenile Justice)	Children and Families (Deputy Secretary for Programs)	Office on Homelessness (Tom Pierce) Steering Committee (DCF, DOH, AWI, FHFC, plus FCH, COC Miami-Dade and consumers)	Pilot project to test best practices to coordinate services with housing to end episode of homelessness for single parent families with children	Authorization to initiate the pilot project.	January 2005
	Housing First pilot selected				May 2004	
	Issue RFP for pilot project				March 2005	
					Evaluate the success of the pilot project.	Six and twelve months from start.

Strategy 1.2 Create effective Prevention strategies that provide the services, income support, and housing aid essential to keeping the family housed.	Action 1.2.1 Create interagency group of state agencies to develop a pilot prevention project. (Same tasks as Action 1.1.1 above)	Children and Families	Office on Homelessness	Pilot prevention project to keep families housed.	Authorization to initiate the pilot project. Evaluate ESG prevention RPP for models of family prevention Evaluate the feasibility of using TANF reserves to bond or fund a revolving loan to help families with security deposits or other front-end housing costs	July 2005 September 2004
Progress to Date		Barriers and/or Situational Changes		Immediate Next Steps (including potential technical assistance needs)		

¹ The Manager is the individual responsible for coordinating each action.

² The Implementer is the individual (or entity) responsible for carrying out each action.

PRIORITY TWO:						
Strategy(-ies) Serve Youth-	Action(s)	Manager	Implementer	Expected	Benchmarks	Completion Date

especially youth aging out of state residential and relative care (foster care, juvenile justice, etc.)				Outcomes		(Estimated)
Strategy 2.1 Improve use of mainstream social services, housing and employment programs to help the youth end their episode of homelessness, and maintain self-sufficiency.	Action 2.1.1 Create interagency group of state agencies to develop pilot project of best practice model to end episode of homelessness for youth. (Same as Action 1.1.1 above)	Children and Families	Office on Homelessness	Pilot project of best practice model to end homeless episodes for youth.	Authority to initiate the pilot. Review Lighthouse Youth Service's transitional housing model (Cinc., OH)	July 2005 June-July 2004
	Action 2.1.2 Request technical assistance from policy academy for literature review of successful models for housing homeless youth	Office on Homelessness	Tom Pierce	Best practice models identified for use.	Request for technical assistance approved	June 2004
Strategy 2.2 Create effective prevention strategies to provide the necessary support services, housing, and employment resources to enable these youth to transition from state residential care to permanent housing.	Action 2.2.1 State interagency group to develop pilot project for prevention programs for at-risk youth. (Same tasks as in Action 1.1.1)	Children and Families	Office on Homelessness	Pilot prevention project targeted to at-risk youth.	Authority to initiate the pilot project. Review ESG youth prevention RFP for models	July 2005 September 2004
	Action 2.2.2 Cross train protective investigation and child protective staff to identify youth at-risk of becoming homeless.	Children and Families	Child Welfare/CBC	Develop a training curriculum	Identify the funding for such training	January 2005

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PRIORITY THREE:						
Strategy(-ies) Advocate for Actions to carry out our plan	Action(s)	Manager	Implementer	Expected Outcomes	Benchmarks	Completion Date (Estimated)
Strategy 3.1 Governor	Action 3.1.1 Coordinate data systems to produce useful data on homelessness across state agencies.	Office on Homelessness	Tom Pierce	State agency agreement to share data on homeless services provided	Memorandum of Agreement negotiated with the state agencies on the Council	January 2005
	Action 3.1.2 Establish state policy that each state agency participates in efforts that will prevent, reduce or eliminate the incidence of homelessness.	Office of Policy and Budget	Each state agency	Executive order or directive in the state strategic planning and budget process.	Brief OPB on the issue and assess the feasibility of such a policy	October 2004
	Action 3.1.3 Link the state interagency group effort with the “Strengthening Families” initiative.	Office on Homelessness	Children and Families	Adopt goal to keep families housed.	Joined the Strengthening Families transition work group	May 2004

Strategy 3.2 State Agencies – administrative	Action 3.2.1 Outgrowth of work group addressing Priorities I and II will be briefings of agency heads on the success of the pilot projects.	Children and Families	Interagency Team for activity 1.1.1	Scheduled presentations with the respective agency heads.	Receive the evaluation of the pilot projects and determine if results warrant statewide application	September 2005
Strategy 3.3 Legislature	Action 3.3.1 Develop legislative agenda to further Priority I and II pilots on a statewide implementation scale.	Respective state agencies with roles in pilot projects		Legislative Budget Request and/or substantive legislative proposal		FY 2006
Strategy 3.4 Local/Community Level	Action 3.4.1 Assemble data on youth population which are aging out of residential and relative care	Children and Families	Child Welfare/CBC; Independent Living	Data on youth aging out by year, by county.	Data report received	July 2004
	Action 3.4.2 Assemble data on homeless adults with children (TANF clients)	Children and Families	Economic Self-Sufficiency	Annual data on TANF clients	Data report received	July 2004
	Action 3.4.3 Homeless coalitions conduct point in time surveys to capture data on targeted populations	Local Homeless Coalitions	Local Homeless Coalitions	Revise the standard survey instrument to ask the questions needed.	Transmit revised survey instruments for use in the 2005 counts	January 2005
Strategy 3.5 Improve Federal Partnerships/Direction	Action 3.5.1 Clear and consistent operational definition of homeless should be used by all federal agencies.	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Policy Academy Sponsoring Agencies	Better address the root causes of homelessness – lack of income needed to secure and maintain permanent housing.	Revised federal laws and regulations	October 2004

	Action 3.5.2 Authorize more rent subsidies – preserve and expand tenant based vouchers			HUD budget approved		October 2004
	Action 3.5.3 Who will fund supportive services for which HUD is reducing its grant funding ?			HHS and other agency budgets increased to cover support services		October 2004
	Action 3.5.4 Define time period for maximum receipt of Section 8 and steps to independence by the tenant.			HUD Policy Directive or regulations		July 2005
	Action 3.5.5 Mandate structural linkages between Public Housing Authorities and States			HUD policy memorandum issued to all housing authorities		January 2005
	Action 3.5.6 Determine federal resources to be available to fund coordinated case management services.			Interagency Council technical assistance guidance		October 2004
	Action 3.5.7 Assistance from ICH in resolving barriers to integration of housing and mainstream resources			Interagency Council technical assistance guide		October 2004
	Action 3.5.8 Broaden opportunities for homeless families to access Mc Kinney-Vento-funded permanent housing e.g. through HUDs consolidation proposal			Revised Super NOFA for 2004		May 2004
	Action 3.5.9 Designate the Earned Income Tax Credit as a “mainstream” program			Interagency Council directive		October 2004
	Action 3.5.10 HUD take steps to improve access to its own (more) “mainstream” housing programs to serve the homeless and at-risk populations.			HUD policy memorandum issued to field offices		October 2004

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